

PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ERIC MIES ET AL. ) : Examiner: John Hoffmann  
Application No.: 10/717,856 ) : TC/Art Unit: 1731  
Filed: November 19, 2003 ) :  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
FORMING LOW OPTICAL LOSS ) :  
SPLICES ) : March 20, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

a **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

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